

**Testimony in support of:**  
**House Bill 5204: Fair Share Housing**

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Dear CT Housing Committee Members;

My name is Maybeth Morales-Davis and I live in Waterbury, CT.

**Connecticut is one of the most segregated and expensive states in the country, not to mention having the 5th largest wealth gap. These facts directly impact the need for affordable housing.**

In my hometown of Waterbury, CT, 31% of homeowners (without a mortgage), 43% of homeowners (with mortgages), and 54% of renters are cost burdened. Meaning they spend 30% or more of their income on housing! Let me repeat that; these families spend 30% or more on housing costs! With a median income of \$41k, the costs of living is not sustainable nor equitable, and shines a huge lens on the inequities of housing and the needs in Waterbury and Connecticut.

Fair Share Planning & Zoning will promote integrated, thriving communities while creating opportunity and increasing environmental sustainability.

Fair Share Housing means 80,000 new jobs, 300,000 new housing units, and over \$60 billion in economic growth!

**I urge you to pass the Fair Share Housing Bill, HB5204, because we must do better for the people. Thank you for your consideration.**

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